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FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR'S DESK

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS' SYSTEM in the United States provided the theme for much of the program emphasis at the annual meeting of the Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges this month. Many nationally prominent people, including Secretary Butz, participated in the special events. There were many eloquent expressions of pride and praise for the accomplishments of this agricultural research system which was started in Connecticut in 1875. The system has contributed heavily to the envied productivity of American agriculture, to our standard of living, and to the world food supply. We are fortunate to be associated with it.

It was gratifying that relatively little emphasis was committed to basking in the glory of the past as compared to the major attention to the challenges of the present and future. The need to nearly double the present world food supply in the next 25 years is sobering. The Secretary pointed out that this need must be met without benefit of new continents to discover, new prairies to plow, or arable lands to clear. The inputs to develop this greatly increased food supply are science and education.

UNFINISHED MIRACLES is a newly produced 28 minute film depicting a century of agricultural research. It portrays vividly how agricultural scientists have joined hand in hand with nature to help achieve miracles in production of food and fiber for an ever expanding world population. The film illustrates the complexities of agricultural technology as well as the geographic spectrum of our food production and processing industry. It cites many milestones of scientific accomplishment as well as the lingering problems facing agricultural producers.

We believe that this film is very well done and urge its extensive showing, particularly to consumer audiences. We have two copies of the film available through the Film Library, 421 Nebraska Hall and through the Department of Agricultural Communications.

THAT WE MAY EAT is the title of the 1975 Yearbook of Agriculture just off the press. It also is dedicated to the centennial year story of the success of the Agricultural Experiment Station system. It extensively and interestingly documents AES accomplishments and includes several references to the Nebraska Station. Its very last sentence is appropriately "The tougher job lies ahead."

R. W. Kleis

GREETINGS FROM THE FROLIKS

Rita and I appreciate this opportunity, provided by Bob Kleis, to extend our greetings to you, our colleagues in the University. I have completed an interesting and challenging two-year assignment in Iran, serving as consultant to the Iranian Ministry of Agriculture, our research administration and organization. Our homecoming has been most pleasant and we appreciate the warm welcome we have received from so many of you. We are back in our home, getting reestablished, and look forward to visiting with all of you once again.

Rita and Elvin

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PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Bachmann, Marlene - Assistant Prof. of Education and Family Resources (Resignation)
Doran, John W. - Assistant Professor of Agronomy (Courtesy Appointment)
Torres-Medina, Alfonso - Assistant Professor of Veterinary Science (Resignation)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Arnold, R. G., et al - FS&T - University of Nebraska Foundation $12,000
Bullerman, Lloyd B. - Food Science and Technology - PHS, NIH 20,146
Campbell, J. B. - Entomology (NP Sta.) - Chevron Chemical Co. 800
Campbell, J. B. - Entomology (NP Sta.) - Dow Chemical Company 1,000
Fischbach, P. E. - Agr'l Engineering - Stauffer Chemical Company 1,600
Hagen, A. F. - Entomology (PH Sta.) - FMC Corporation 500
Klopfenstein, T. - Animal Science - American Dehydrators Association 4,500
Lavy, T. L. - Agronomy - Northern Petrochemical Company 10,000
Moomaw, R. S. - Agronomy (NE Sta.) - Stauffer Chemical Company 700
Teter, N. C. - Agr'l Engineering - Neb. Inter-Industry Electric Council 1,690

GENERAL NOTES

1. The departments of Horticulture and Entomology are back in the Plant Industry building as the restoration of the basement, first and second floors nears completion. The roof is restored also but the third floor (Plant Pathology) is yet far from ready for reoccupancy.

2. Congratulations to Drs. Coyne and Schuster as co-recipients of the 1975 National Bean Improvement Cooperative award for research.

3. We are grateful that the University was spared the 3% reduction of its current budget. Other good news is that the recently passed federal appropriation for agricultural research came through with some increase.

4. Sahs Sez - A one day workshop will be held at the Field Laboratory on December 10 addressing the topic "Organic Residues and By-products in Crop and Animal Production." Some 15 staff members will report on research and extension activities in this area. The meeting is open to all who are interested.

5. The search committee for the North Platte District Directorship has reported its recommendations to the Vice Chancellor. They handled their task thoroughly and expeditiously. Our thanks for their good work.

6. Schnieder on Safety - Drivers of state vehicles are under the watchful eyes of the Nebraska taxpayer. For this reason and for your own welfare, follow all rules of the road including the 55 mph limit.

7. Have a happy and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.
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